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Historic glass site in line for revamp

PLANS are being drawn up for the last phase of the restoration of a landmark crystal glass factory in Stourbridge.

Work at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Wollaston Road, Amblecote has begun to refurbish the Lower Glasshouse, which was used by Royal Doulton.

It will be used for exhibitions and events and to train future glassmakers.

Now proposals are being finalised for the next phase which will see most of the remaining semi-derelict buildings converted into workshops.

Glasshouse College principal Ollie Cheney said: "Applications to fund the final phase of the works will be made to the European Regional Development Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The entire project could be completed by 2013."

The Ruskin Glass Centre, the first part of the redevelopment project, opened a year ago.

The second phase will see the Lower Glasshouse transformed into an auditorium with seating for 400. It is hoped the work will be completed by July, in time for this year's International Festival of Glass.

The site was home to Webb Corbett before it was taken over by Royal Doulton, which folded in 2000.

Mapping out flood danger

HOMES and businesses in Dudley borough have extra protection from flooding, thanks to a new online map.

The council map shows which areas are threatened. The council wants residents to flag up flooding problems. The information will be added to that from other sources including Severn Trent, to create a flood management plan. The map is at www.dudley.gov.uk/environment/planning/drainage-and-sewerage/flooding

POLICE VOW TO FIND BETTY'S MURDERER

by Adam Burling

MURDER squad detectives have made a fresh appeal to the public to help piece together the final movements of retired teacher Betty Yates as they vowed they "will not rest" until they have caught her killer.

More than 100 people have contacted police since the murder probe was launched but officers say it is vital they hear from anyone who knows anything about the 77-year-old's last movements.

Mrs Yates was killed by a single knife wound after being attacked at her secluded cottage off Dowles Road in Bewdley. A murder investigation is being carried out by police who say they are looking into possible motives, including the theory she was stabbed after disturbing burglars. Police have issued a description of clothing she was wearing in a new appeal for information.

Tributes are paid to a caring lady

TRIBUTES have been paid to Mrs Yates, who was described as a "vivacious and popular person" and a "true lady."

Her children David and Hazel led the tributes, saying: "Our mother was a vivacious, independent and popular person. She had a lovely character and was extremely caring. She was also very fit and active for her age."

"Naturally we are extremely shocked at the manner of her death and we do not know whether we will ever come to terms with that."

"Thankfully we were able to spend some time together when we all got together over Christmas and those are now our final, treasured memories. We will always remember her with love and affection."

Former pupils gathered for a candlelit vigil outside her home on Sunday, organised by Verity Worthington, 29, of St John's Avenue, Kidderminster.

She said: "Her loss is a tragedy. She was an inspiring teacher who went the extra mile and was really before her time."

Charlotte Mayall, also 29, of Sculthorpe Road, Blakedown, said: "She was an incredibly kind person and really loved the children she taught. I remember all of the extra-curricular things she used to teach us."

Mrs Yates, who taught generations of children in the Kidderminster area, was last seen by friends on Monday afternoon last week. But officers say they cannot account for 12 hours after that.

She was discovered dead at home on Wednesday last week at 9am by police after friends raised the alarm.

When she was last seen Mrs Yates was wearing a distinctive hip-length jacket which had a vertically striped pattern in dark red, olive green and grey.

The jacket had full sleeves and a collar but no hood. She was also wearing a dark coloured jumper, dark trousers, and carrying a black leather purse with a key wallet attachment. She was driving her silver Skoda Fabia.

Shocked

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Jamieson said: "Betty was a much-loved pillar of the community and her death has shocked everyone."

"We would like to thank those members of the public who have come forward with information. However it is vital we hear from anyone we have not yet spoken to, who knows anything about Betty's movements and saw her between Monday afternoon and the following morning."

"We are fully committed to catching the person or people responsible for this horrendous crime as quickly as possible. We now have more than 50 officers and staff working on this inquiry. The one thing they have in common is a determination to track down the killer and we will not rest until we have achieved that."

Anyone with information should call the Stourport Police Station on 0300 333 3000, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Victim Betty Yates, 77, found stabbed



The jacket which Betty was seen wearing



Police at the remote cottage in Bewdley where the body of Betty Yates was found

£5m light rail plan brings new job hopes

WORK on a multi-million pound light rail network between Brierley Hill and Stourbridge could start within the next two years, creating dozens of jobs.

Three new metro-style stations would be built as part of the £5 million project to run passenger railcars on a four-mile section of an existing freight line.

Passengers would be able to catch the railcars from The Waterfront, in Brierley Hill. Railcars would stop at a reopened Brierley Hill town station, off Station Road.

A new stop would be built near Corbett Hospital, in Amblecote, before railcars travel on to Stourbridge Junction to connect up with main line services.

Cradley Heath based-Parry People Movers has attracted £1m in principle from the Government's Regional Growth Fund to kick-start the project.

Further funding will involve a leasing company putting up £2.5m to buy three trains.

New jobs including drivers, cleaners and maintenance workers will be needed if the proposals become a reality.

Executive chairman John Parry said it was great news for the company and the Black Country.

"We are delighted to be working on this project," he said. "The Government do not want to hang around."

Action call on rubbish

A NARROW lane is being plagued by fly-tippers causing misery for nearby residents.

People living near Gibbons Lane, Pennsnett, are calling for action to stop "vile" waste from being left along the path.

The lane is often used by pedestrians as a shortcut between the town and nearby Kingswinford.

Dudley Council said officers were looking into the problem.

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Cartoonist Geoff's work fits together just like a jigsaw

FROM a talent show audition to a crowded beach in the summer – all corners of British life are depicted in these colourful cartoon scenes by a veteran Stourbridge artist.

They take him more than two weeks each to produce – but end up in 1,000 pieces when they are sold as jigsaws.

Geoff Tristram has so far completed nine for German manufacturers Ravensburger and hopes they will prove popular worldwide. WH Smiths and Amazon are already stocking the 27in x 12in jigsaws, some of which were inspired by locations across the Midlands.

Each scene features scores of characters in different situations, with minute details that appear as the puzzle is put together.

Chaotic

During his 35-year career Mr Tristram, of Wollaston, has painted caricatures of snooker players at the World Championships in Sheffield and written a series of comedy novels.

This latest project came about when the 56-year-old sent Ravensburger some of his ideas and asked if they were interested.

The first piece he produced was Talent Show – a chaotic scene featuring a sword swallower, an Elvis impersonator, a contortionist and others auditioning for Britain's Got Strictly X-Rated Talent on Ice. He starts with an idea of the



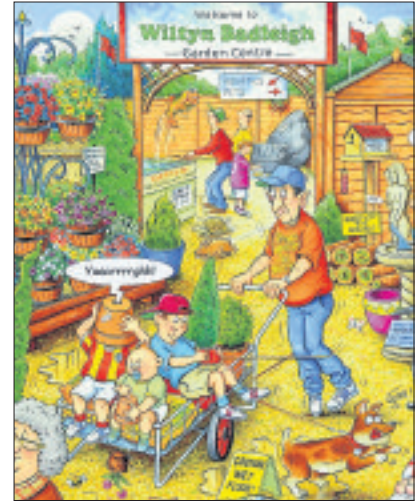
Geoff's cartoon called Canal Holiday is inspired by the canals in Kinver



The High Street – this cartoon is based on Wollaston High Street, close to where Geoff lives



Geoff Tristram with two of his fun pieces



Based on Barnett Hill Garden Centre, Clent, this depicts the Wiltyn Badleigh centre on a hot summer's day

theme, and then makes a list of possible characters, before drawing them separately on tracing paper. He then traces them again onto the main drawing board, slowly building up the scene and fitting in extra details. He draws the outlines with black watercolour paint, before adding

colour using felt tip pens. Each picture is set in a fictional place with comical names such as Knotworth Bothrynwithie, which is used in a High Street scene based on Wollaston.

Mr Tristram, of Eggington Road, said: "You need plenty of detail for jigsaws as otherwise a lot

of the pieces would be too similar."

He said he was proud of the cartoons and had enjoyed coming up with some of the jokes. He added: "The manufacturers are very keen for the jigsaws to have plenty of humour, but you sometimes have to make sure they're either not too subtle, or not too crude."

Mr Tristram, who has a 17-year-old son and a daughter aged 26, designed the cover of UB40's debut album Signing Off in 1980, which featured the yellow benefit form which shared the same name of the band. He has since built up a reputation across the country and beyond.

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Orphanage revamp is new challenge for firefighters



Firefighters Rudy Parkes, back, and Jim McParland at the orphanage

LOCAL firefighters who searched for survivors after the Japan earthquake last year have a new challenge – helping revamp an orphanage in Africa.

And they are already planning their next visit to Tanzania after the success of their most recent stay there.

The eight firefighters, who all give their time for free, have already helped construct a physiotherapy unit at the Salvation Army's Matumi orphanage in Dar Es Salaam.

And before Christmas they helped build a new pharmacy block at the orphanage, including fitting electrics and laying drainage pipes. The number of firefighters travelling there is likely to increase as more volunteers come forward. During their next visit they will rebuild a boys' dormitory.

Cradley Heath watch commander Rudy Parkes of Stourbridge, station commander at Oldbury and Cradley Heath Dean Harris, also from Stourbridge, Dean Yates from Halesowen and Jim McParland of Kinver all spent two weeks in a poverty-stricken village before Christmas.

They were part of the team which has taken part in search and rescue bids in earthquake-hit Haiti, Japan and New Zealand.

Mr McParland, aged 38, a firefighter based at Northfield, got his first major disaster deployment in February when Christchurch in New Zealand was crushed by a quake.

He said: "It's really hard work but it's great fun going out to Tanzania. It was so hot this time, and our accommodation got flooded, but you just make the best of it."

Centre to host display of art

A CONTEMPORARY art fair is planned in Dudley, including a display of a replica steam train built in Stourbridge, fashion, photography and a mini-mural workshop. It is at Netherton Arts Centre on February 4 from 11am to 4pm.

Charity in need of volunteers

A CHARITY in Stourbridge is looking for volunteers to help accompany vulnerable people on trips out. Dudley Mind wants to help people who have mental health problems to overcome isolation and increase their confidence.

said: "We're looking for people who can spare at least two hours a week to accompany others. It may involve going to a cafe, cinema, a course, or a football game. We will try to match the interests of the volunteer with those of the person they befriend."

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Louis enjoys the sweet taste of business success

A TEENAGER who set up a firm when he was 12, has become an ambassador for a major chocolate company.

Louis Barnett, of Kinver, started Chokolit, which has five employees including his parents Phil and Mary, and makes quality chocolate for specialist food shops, delicatessens and other retail outlets.

Now the 19-year-old has been chosen as to be one of only 40 ambassadors across the globe for Swiss chocolate manufacturer Callebaut.

The firm has about 6,000 employees in 27 countries, with 40 production sites.

Louis said: "It's amazing. Callebaut is one of the biggest chocolate companies in the world and becoming one of their ambassadors is like the Nobel Prize for chocolatiers."

Famous

He will appear at trade conventions and help promote the brand across the world. He is also hoping it will boost the profile of his own brand.

He recently signed a deal to export thousands of products to 13 states across America. He is hoping to move into the Asian market and there are hopes the company could become "truly world famous" in the coming months.

After dropping out of school at 11, Louis, who suffers from dyslexia and dyspraxia, began by supplying products to supermarket chain Waitrose. But he has seen sales fall in the UK in recent months so has decided to target overseas markets.

He signed a deal earlier this year to supply a US distributor with 37,000 bars of chocolate after exhibiting at the Fancy Fine Food Fair in New York.

And now 89 department stores in Mexico are stocking the chocolate, with another 20 due to get involved next year.

The name Chokolit came from the way Louis spelled chocolate due to his dyslexia.



Young Louis Barnett has landed a top job with a leading company

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Margaret is on a mission to help the poor of Peru

A FULL-TIME job with daily exposure to the sights, sounds and smells of abject poverty – and all for no pay – is not everyone's ideal career.

But former teacher Margaret Saunderson has stuck at her role as a Christian missionary Peru's shanty towns.

The 60-year-old has braved terrorism, drug-trafficking criminals and a death threat over the last 30 years. And her reward is seeing the transformation she and her colleagues in the Latin Link charity help to achieve.

Families progress from bamboo shelters to plywood shacks with corrugated roofs and, ultimately, a brick-built home.

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"You look and wonder how people could possibly live in such conditions but they come out of their shacks in clean, beautifully pressed clothes," said Margaret, who taught languages at Kinver's Edgecliff Secondary School from 1974 to 1979.

Margaret lives in the Peruvian capital Lima, near shanty towns where she has helped to establish feeding programmes for children, and outlets to sell cottage industry goods, and health clinics.

She was inspired to devote her life to missionary work by TV documentaries. In the early 1990s there was a growing tide of civil unrest. Times are calmer now, although there are still parts of Lima where drug use and crime are rife.

Society puts help in focus

PHOTOGRAPHERS can get help at an event Stourbridge Photographic Society are hosting today, Thursday at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, at 8pm. The group meets on Thursday evenings.



Margaret Saunderson has been a missionary in Peru for 30 years

Invitation to share worries

A CHARITY is offering help for people suffering from stress and anxiety.

Dudley Mind is helping people set up groups where members can share their worries. The charity, in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, helps groups become as independent by establishing ground rules and solving problems.

Group facilitator, Nagheena

Qamar, said: "Meetings are very friendly. Everyone who joins them is relieved to find they are not alone in their anxiety."

Call her on 01384 442938 for more information.

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A family sitting down to tea in September 1940. The Blitz had begun. Notice the taped-over windows (to stop glass splintering), and the banana (a treat soon to disappear)



A mealtime check in 1944. The portion chart on the wall showed fair sizes of food helpings under rationing rules.



Shoppers got used to long queues. These women in 1945 were waiting hopefully to see if the fishmonger had any fish

Make do and mend is making a comeback

"MAKE DO and Mend" was once a phrase only heard of in wartime Britain but now the philosophy is enjoying a resurgence.

Whether it's the worldwide recession, concern for the environment or the latest celebrity trend - Make Do and Mend (MDM) is making a comeback.

In 1940s Britain, MDM was a necessity as clothes rationing was introduced and pre-war clothing factories switched their production lines to the war effort. Official advice from the government was to "always carry a needle and cotton and mending silk with you - this will save many a ladder in stockings or prevent the loss of buttons".

Clothing coupons were introduced but with each 15-month personal clothing allowance including

MEMORY LANE
by Fiona Carding

just one pair of socks every four months, one shirt every 20 months, and one jacket every two years - a stitch in time saved coupons as well as clothes.

New life for old sheets was the battle cry from Mrs Sew-and-Sew, a cartoon character created by the government during World War II to encourage women to make do and save buying new. A MDM leaflet by the Ministry of Information states, "Not only sheets but all your household things must be made the very most of."

Kay Reynolds from Dudley said: "When I was growing up in Oldbury in the early fifties my mother still

cut worn bed sheets down the centre to extend their life.

She would turn them over and re-stitch them, tucking the worn areas under the mattress.

Then when the sheets were too worn to use they were cut down for pillow cases before finally becoming dusters and dish cloths. Nothing went to waste."

"Frayed shirt cuffs would be unpicked, flipped over and sewn back on - the frayed edges neatly hidden away."

Utility furniture was also available and those who had lost their homes in air raids and newly weds were some of those who could apply.

Long before anyone had coined the term recycling - our grandmothers were already skilled experts. Perhaps, in these tough times, we need to take a leaf out of the history books and practise the 3R's of Recycling, Renewing and Reinventing.



This photo of 'Peter' and 'Pam' using a mangle to dry the washing appeared in Picture Post magazine in 1941. Dad was away in the RAF, and the children were helping mum



Clothing ration books belonged to S Hodson of Willenhall.

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Hundreds support campaign to win city status for jubilee

HUNDREDS of signatures have been gathered in just a week for a petition supporting Dudley's bid for city status to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee.

The town is one of 26 in the running for a change of status in 2012.

Its chamber of commerce has launched an online petition to give people a chance to get behind the project, and so far 504 people have signed.

Paul Bennett, president of the organisation, said: "It is important that people get behind this bid for city status. A successful bid can only be a good thing for the economic growth of the borough."

The petition calls on people to show their commitment to "a vibrant and prosperous city where people are proud to live, learn and work and where businesses are keen to invest".

The bid was submitted in May 2011 and highlighted Dudley's history and heritage as the "jewel in the crown" of the application.

Council bosses say the bid is for the entire borough, not just Dudley town centre, and township areas including Stourbridge and Brierley Hill are key to the success of the project.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said: "The nature of our bid was carefully consid-

ered as our borough is made up of four main township areas, all of which must maintain their own unique, individual identity.

"With a population of more than 300,000 we are bigger than the majority of our competitors. We believe we have a real chance.

"I am delighted that Dudley Chamber of Commerce has taken this positive step of support and we shall certainly be throwing our weight behind the petition."

People can sign the e-petition at www.dudley.gov.uk until February 10. The winner will be announced within six months.

More patients falling victim to superbugs

THE number of patients diagnosed with hospital-acquired infections in the Black Country has soared in the last five years.

The data includes any infection caught while a patient was in hospital including MRSA, C.diff and Norovirus.

The NHS Information Centre has revealed there were 1,193 cases of infections caught in hospitals in the Black Country and Staffordshire in 2010/11. This is a rise of more than 500 per cent compared to 193 in 2006/7. Health chiefs say this could be due to improved testing.

In Dudley there were 92 cases in 2010/11. The biggest number of infections was in South Staffordshire where there were 356 cases, followed by 322 in Sandwell and 232

in Wolverhampton. Walsall saw 161 hospital infections.

Dr Steve Cartwright, medical director for primary care trusts in the Black Country, said: "A number of things that can affect infection rates. Better testing can cause figures to rise."

So far this year New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton and Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital have both breached their targets on the number of C.diff cases. New Cross Hospital is expecting 144 cases, 60 more than its target but it is using a new more-sensitive test that picks up more cases.

There have been almost 100 cases of C.diff at Russells Hall Hospital since April, above the target of 77.

Natalie's busy week



Natalie Owen, studying for her degree in history

TEENAGER Natalie Owen is clocking up at least 71 hours work a week knuckling down to a part-time job, studying for a degree – and carrying out duties as an ambitious air cadet.

Natalie, aged 19, of Dudley, not only devotes 36 hours a week to her studies, but also spends 15 to 20 hours on a part-time job at a sports clothing shop.

And then a further 25 hours are dedicated to parade nights and other duties as a warrant officer for the 347 Dudley Squadron of the Air Training Corps (ATC).

Stourbridge MP Margot James, who recently met Natalie at the Houses of Parliament, when the air cadets were lobbying for increased Government investment in the RAF, was so impressed with her that she issued a Twitter message of admiration.

The MP said: "Natalie holds down three occupations – she studies, she works in retail and she is very committed to the reserves. I was very impressed."

Natalie, of Westfield Road, Dudley, said: "I don't think I'm anything special – it's just that I always need to try to achieve the best."

Tips on staying safe offered to over-60s

PEOPLE aged over 60 in the Dudley area are being invited to get some tips about how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

The event, organised by West Midlands Police and Dudley's community safety partnership, Safe and Sound, will be held in the Caslon Suite at the Cophthorpe Hotel, Merry Hill, on Thursday, between 10am and midday.

Organisations attending to give advice include Age UK, Living Well Feeling Safe, Ring-and-Ride, WRVS and Trading Standards UK. Pc Angela Hodgetts, crime reduction officer for Dudley Police, said: "There are a few simple safety tips which people can consider whilst out and about in the borough."

Among the advice to be given will be to always keep your purse and handbag secure and close to you and, when opening the front door, always use a door chain and check the identity of the caller.

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thechronicle**Store is pushing to stay open until early hours****This is blooming early**

A HALESOWEN pub that attracted scores of complaints from residents has been turned into a convenience store which bosses want to open until 1.30am.

The move has caused concern among people living nearby who fear it will cause disruption.

The Woodman pub in Bromsgrove Road has had various name changes in recent years and has just opened as a Simply Fresh shop.

It can serve alcohol until 11.30pm but the firm wants to sell food until 1.30am Thursday to Saturday.

Neighbours say they are happy the site is no longer being used as a pub but have raised concerns about noise late at night.

A previous application to turn the building into a hot food takeaway were rejected by Dudley Council amid concerns over noise. More than 30 residents objected.

George Gould, aged 48, who lives nearby, said: "Staying open until 1.30am seems far too late. The pub was never open that late."

The shop, which sells groceries and newspapers, opened before Christmas. An adjoining unit is ready to be fitted out.

An application which has been submitted to Dudley Council's licensing department says the shop would open until 12.30am on all other days. It would be able to serve alcohol 7am to 11.30pm from Sunday to Wednesday, and until midnight Thursday to Saturday.

The application by Simply Fresh says no disruption is expected.

Gas works homes plan

PLANS for 147 flats and houses at the former Dudley gas works off Constitution Hill are closer to reality because there have been no objections to the proposals. Taylor Wimpey is behind the plan for the site, alongside the Dudley Southern Bypass. Planning officers recommend approval.



Brenda Pritchard, from Wollaston, Stourbridge, with her azalea

KEEN GARDENER Brenda Pritchard is enjoying a bumper bloom from her prized azaleas.

The 90-year-old from Wollaston, Stourbridge, says she has been puzzled by the winter crop which is thanks to unseasonably warm temperatures.

Mrs Pritchard, a great grandmother of 11, says the shrub usually flowers sometime in the middle to

late spring. But its pink flowers have been out since before Christmas and have been in bloom for the second time in 12 months.

Friends and family have complimented her on the amazing azalea which she has grown for more than 40 years. "It must be the climate, that's the only reason I can think of as it is so unusual for it to flower at this time of year," she said.



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Preparations underway to get chairlift moving



Dudley Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock inspects the chairlift

The final preparations are being made before a £117,000 project to restore Dudley Zoo's chairlift gets under way in April.

The renovations are expected to take 12 weeks to complete and bosses hope to open the attraction to visitors in the middle of July. All of the chairlift's 47 chairs will be refurbished along with the roller system which carries the cable and the engine. It will carry visitors from the zoo's lower level near the main entrance up the hill to the 11th century Dudley Castle in two minutes.

There will be panoramic views across Sandwell to Birmingham while families travel directly over flamingoes, llamas and rare breed sheep grazing on the banks.

Chief executive Peter Suddock, said: "We are currently finalising details to allow the schedule to start in April so the chairlift will be open to visitors by the middle of July."

"We are so thrilled this is happening. One of the most common questions we are asked by national and overseas visitors is 'when's the chairlift going to be running?' so we are very well aware that the refurbishment will create lots of interest."

Drawings

"We have all the original drawings, and despite its age the changes mainly centre on cosmetic refurbishment where the chairlift has suffered exposure to the elements, and slight modification to the T-bars on the chairs."

"It's a fantastic piece of machinery and a tribute to 1950s engineering techniques."

The chairlift opened to visitors on May 11, 1958 and within six months had carried more than 154,000 passengers. The journey cost six pence but 2012 passengers will be able to use it for free.

Funding for the project has come from a £1.2million bid for Heritage Lottery Funding, which will also see the restoration of four of the site's 12 listed modernist structures.

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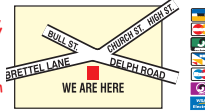
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Objectors get takeaway pizza plan thrown out

A PROPOSAL to transform a bank into a restaurant and takeaway pizzeria has been thrown out by planners because of parking concerns.

The former Barclays Bank, in High Street, Lye, opposite Christ Church, had been earmarked for redevelopment.

But the plans sparked off opposition from nearby residents. They were concerned that the High Street was rapidly losing all its day time retail outlets.

Fears that customers stopping at the restaurant and takeaway would park cars in bus stops directly outside the building causing congestion, were also raised by the protesters.

Their arguments swayed Dudley Council's planning department which has now

refused the application. In a report, officials at the department said: "The proposed use of the building as a takeaway may potentially lead to short-term indiscriminate parking by customers within the bus stop area immediately to the front of the site."

They said that parking there would affect the "safe and efficient operation" of the bus service along High Street.

A letter from one Church Road resident, Elizabeth Pemberton, to the planning department said: "We strongly object to this application on the grounds that we have more than enough food outlets in the High Street."

"Also, there will be more litter, even more smell pollution, and noise."

Showdown meeting to urge rethink on £6m market plan

STALLHOLDERS will hold talks with Dudley Council bosses to persuade them to rethink a £6 million plan for the town's market.

Around 3,000 market traders and residents have signed a petition opposing the planned revamp.

The second round of a consultation ended at the start of December with about 300 people taking part. Ward Councillor Malcolm Davis, the head of the petition, today welcomed the news of a meeting between council officers and traders.

"It seems that the council is listening and we hope they will agree to look at the whole scheme again," he said. "We have one of the best markets here in Dudley - better than most in the country."

Councillor Davis said the talks had been arranged ahead of the central Dudley area committee meeting on January 31.

He added the 3,000-strong petition would be presented to the committee whatever came out of the earlier meeting. Under the proposals the market place would be revamped and new stalls with canopies installed.

The number of stalls would be reduced, but space would be provided so temporary stalls could be brought in on busy days.

Councillor Davis believes money would be better spent trying to entice retailers back into the town centre, where there is a high number of empty shops.

One of the stallholders against the proposals is David Flavell whose family runs a fruit and veg stall. He said: "They are making it smaller. I don't know of market which has been modernised and has continued to do well. I don't think this will work."

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Julie shares her art



Artist Julie Tonkin prepares to launch a new art course
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Julie Tonkin, aged 57, of Cradley Heath, will launch the weekly event at Leasowes Community College, in Kent Road, Halesowen, from January 19. Sessions will run from 7pm to 9pm.

Residents will be shown how to paint narrowboat decoration and rag rugging, spider web embroidery and crochet. People taking part can also try their hand at making jewellery.

Each session will begin by looking into the history of the Black Country and its culture and customs. This will include poetry, stories and recipes. The 10-week course will cost £45.

People who are unemployed will be able to take part for free, and pensioners will get a discount.

Julie, who has been an artist for 12 years, said: "This will be a fun course which is suitable for all ages. No experience is necessary, and all the materials will be provided."

For more information, call 01384 569198.

More volunteers needed to help advocacy service

A SERVICE which helps people with learning disabilities to have a say in the choices affecting their lives is aiming to double its team of volunteers.

Dudley Advocacy has 12 volunteers, but it is trying to recruit at least another 12.

Project worker Karen Jones, who co-ordinates the volunteers, said: "For years, vulnerable people with learning disabilities have been told what to do, where to live and so on."

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Another blow for the Midlands

I WAS saddened to read the news that the NEC has lost the prestigious Caravan and Boat show to Excel London. I am continually amazed at the arrogance and greed of the capital and its residents, who, as ever, remain convinced that civilisation ends at Watford.

The Midlands, thanks to the wonderful NEC and prior to that the old exhibition centre at Bingley Hall has hosted the show for more than 50 years.

What a loss! How many jobs will be lost within the Midlands area?

However, as always, everything of

any worth has to go to the affluent south and hard luck to the industrious hard working people of the Midlands and the North. London regained the National Motor Show, having lost it to the far superior NEC. Since when they have been determined to grab anything and everything of any value.

They had to have the new Wembley, even though any of several Midlands sites would have been better suited to the purpose.

The more obvious one being the new National Football academy at Burton Upon Trent. The Olympic Games is yet

another example of the total selfishness of the self-serving south. Anyone with half a brain should realise that a central site for such a huge event would be more beneficial to the country as a whole.

Anyone in the country who is fortunate enough to be able to afford to attend such an event must, at no small cost travel hundreds of miles just to get to London. Londoners can virtually walk to them.

Talk about a North-South divide! It gets bigger by the day.
B Parsons, Millard Road, Coseley

Seeking information in tracing family ties

CAN any of your readers help me with my search for ancestors? I am looking for information about my grandfather, Dr Anthony Tamlyn, who lived in Sedgley from 1810 and died in 1867, and his family.

He came from Devon and lived with his large family in Sedgley High Street where he was a surgeon and GP. Most of his sons died young.

His daughter Charity married a greengrocer, Thomas Jones. They lived in Stourbridge and Worcester. Anthony Tamlyn married Jane White, of Turl's Hill, who I think was a Whites/Gibbons of Worfield and Badger, Shropshire.

I can be contacted at Les.jontre@gmail.com or c/o Fr Cenydd Morrison, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 101 Belmont Rd, Hereford. HR2 7JR
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Cut to petrol price is not the answer

CALLS to drive down petrol costs doesn't strike a chord with all of us. Of course, no one likes to pay more for anything and fuel prices have risen sharply in recent times. But the image portrayed of a Downton Abbey-esque life where the car becomes a rich man's plaything is not one I foresee.

You only had to experience the daily traffic disaster area that is Merry Hill on the run up to Christmas to realise that the love affair with the motor car ain't going away any time soon. Then there is the "easy" put down of public transport - "frequently late, unreliable..." - could that have something to do with the amount of traffic on the roads?

The Government froze the planned fuel-duty increase some months ago - bus operators face a 20 per cent cut in the grant they receive on fuel duty. Bus users contribute far more to the environment than motorists do.

What we need is large-scale investment in public transport that moves large numbers of people around quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively. The alternative via fuel price cuts is more motoring, more congestion and more misery.
Phil Tonks, Stourbridge

Let's see action on faulty car headlights

WHEN can we expect to see action from the police in dealing with the epidemic of cars with faulty headlights and, in some cases, no headlights at all?

The number of people driving with only one headlight has to be at least 30 per cent. No doubt some of these are people who spend hours and pounds putting hundreds of bulbs around their houses each year, usually in September, yet can't afford the time or few pounds to replace a headlight bulb.

Shouldn't the police abandon their constant pursuit of "speeding" 33mph motorists, and dish a few £60 fines out to the "one headlight, one on main-beam, with two spotlights blazing" motorists that are the real danger on the roads?

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Under the plans, the new store would be built on disused industrial land next to the present store in Stallings Lane. The old store would be demolished and the land used to expand the car park.

A new petrol filling station would also be built as part of the proposals.

Nearly 300 part and full-time staff employed at the supermarket would be transferred to the new building. The 70 jobs created would be new positions.

Officials today said plans had yet to be submitted to Dudley Council for consideration as they first wanted to get the opinions of residents living nearby.

The firm held an exhibition in a marquee at the existing store's car park on Monday for people to see the plans.

Bosses said the existing store was a conversion made when the firm took over the site from Safeway and was now outdated.

It is not yet known when the plans will be submitted.

Development executive for Morrisons James Brook said: "Our aim is to build a bigger and more modern store for Kingswinford."

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Litter means charity cash

THE Tidy Stourbridge group bagged more than 420 sacks of litter and some 16,000 drinks cans during 2011. The group has, as a result, handed over £160 to the Namesake Trust, a breast cancer charity. Spokesman Alun Nicholas said the group collected "endless numbers" of glass bottles for recycling.

Family to deliver laughs



Getting ready for curtain-up time are Dave Jones, his children, 13-year-old Connor and nine-year-old Stacie, and wife Jo

POSTMAN Dave Jones is hoping to deliver some laughs when he takes to the stage in a panto with his wife and two children.

They are all members of Stourbridge Pantomime Company, which is getting ready for its production Robinson Crusoe.

Mr Jones, aged 40, plays Dame Crusoe while 13-year-old Connor

and nine-year-old Stacie are in the chorus. His wife Jo, a teaching assistant at Wrens Nest Primary in Dudley, is helping backstage for the show, which runs from January 21 to 28 at Stourbridge Town Hall.

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Business leaders hail success in crime fight

CRIME affecting businesses in Dudley has fallen by 20 per cent in the past 12 months, police have announced.

Protecting employees and customers from abuse and physical violence have been among the top priorities for police in the region.

Officers say they have worked hard in the community and with business leaders to reduce fear of anti-social behaviour.

New figures show 2,959 offences were recorded as taking place at or involving businesses, in 2011.

This is down 20.4 per cent from 3,720 in the previous 12 months – a drop of 761 recorded offences.

Ch Insp Mark Bramwell, of Dudley police, said: "This is a great result for businesses. We will continue to robustly tackle business crime."

Dave Bryce, of Dudley Borough Business Crime Partnership, said: "The partnership believes that when the business community works together, effective controls and conditions can be put in place to minimise crime and disorder and create safe and non-threatening environments."

The partnership brings together public bodies such as Dudley Council and West Midlands Police with traders and other businesses to look at ways of reducing crime.

President of the Dudley Chamber Paul Bennett welcomed the fall in business-related crimes.

Invitation from experts

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Sponsor scores with team



Tony Balu and son, Ishaan, captain Nicola Evans and players

A WOMEN'S football team took to the pitch in a brand new kit after being sponsored by a Black Country business.

Netherton United donned the strip, which is navy blue with a white V, for their game against Halas Hawks.

The team got the shirts before a game at Birchley Sports and Social

Club, in Brunel Road, Oldbury, – and it them to a 6-5 win. The kit has been sponsored by Oldbury firm Masterfreight after the mother of a player approached her boss. Deborah McFarland said her manager Tony Balu had been happy to help out. Her daughter, Lynsey, joined the team.

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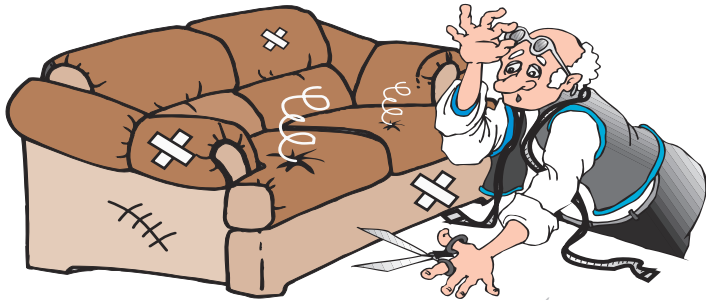
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Orphanage worker Ruth tells of her flood panic

A STOURBRIDGE charity worker has been busily engaged in a huge clean-up operation after the devastating floods in Thailand.

Ruth Martin spent the two months leading up to Christmas coping with the emergency in Pakkret, a suburb of the capital Bangkok. It is situated right on the swollen Chao Praya river which flows straight through the city.

Her work of introducing independence and employability skills training for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities took on an extra dimension as she arranged activities for children frightened by the flood waters advancing closer to the building they occupied.

The 29-year-old said panic swept across Thailand during the floods.

Burst

"The orphanages run by the charity were put on flood alert and we were told to move all our resident children and young people to the second floor of Rainbow House where I work," she said.

"We were given a five-hour warning to move everything on the ground floor to upstairs. The fear in the community was palpable. We fully expected opening our curtains the following day to see a river instead of a main road. The river had burst its banks and many houses near it were under several feet of water. I began to panic when it began to flood the main access to our house as I thought of all of the children with disabilities who were very vulnerable to infection - especially with the flood waters being so close."

"I organised some activities, including cooking and craft work, to try to stop them from getting too bored. It took their minds off the floods," said Ruth, a former student of The Grange School (now Pedmore Technology College).

The government set about building a huge flood defence wall along the main access to the house to protect the whole area from flooding as the road runs parallel to the river.



Ruth Martin with two of the orphans she helped while in Thailand

"The local community formed a night watch team to ensure the flood defence wall wasn't breached overnight. Whenever they saw it collapsing the alarm would sound and people from nearby houses would rush out to help rebuild it," added Ruth.

Before she returned home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr and Mrs John Martin, of Broadway, Norton, Ruth was engaged in clean-up operations once the flood waters began to recede and expected the situation would have improved by the time she returned in the new year.

She has worked with the charity, Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities for 16 months.

She shared her story at her home church, St Michael's and All Angels, Norton, over Christmas.

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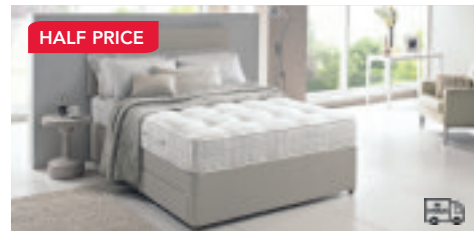
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Take heart and step up to the run challenge

IT is that time of year again - time to prepare for the annual Action Heart run. The Chronicle is continuing its long association with the event and is pleased to be on board once again for 2012.

This will be the 22nd year of the event which takes place on Sunday, February 26. The run starts and finishes at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley and the Chronicle will once again be publishing a series of articles about the charity event, together with the established training programme for 'beginners' to enable them to prepare for and complete the five-mile course.

An application form is printed (right). No entries will be accepted on the day of the event. Entry is limited to 1,000 (100 of which will again be allocated to those wishing to walk the course).

ACTION HEART 5 'HEART RUN' ENTRY FORM

Entry form for Action Heart 5 on Sunday February 26

Name.....
Address.....
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Est. finish time.....
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Send cheque, payable to Action Heart, with entry form and SAE for race number to: Action Heart, 5 Baird House, Dudley Innovation Centre, Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, DY6 7YA
Fee: £10 (registered running club members); £12 (non club members).

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On your marks for training start

THE Heart Run is supported by Dudley NHS Primary Care Trusts and is enjoyed by runners from all fields, from serious club runners to the very many joggers/ fun-runners who enter, some of whom may be taking up the challenge for the first time.

It is true to say that some of these would not have contemplated the run without this training programme. Indeed, many of the competitors have been introduced to running as a means of improving health and fitness.

Entry is limited to 1,000 so forms need to go in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The biggest challenge in following the training programme is self-discipline, particularly at this time of year

when the weather and the dark nights are less than inviting. But what better way to start 2012 than with the challenge of getting fit and healthy.

Bending

Of course it helps if you have a friend, colleague or like-minded member of the family to train with. A note of caution, if you have not exercised for some time and particularly if you are out of condition in any way, we advise that you see your doctor and get his approval to prepare for and run the race.

Two important tips to remember before and after training, spend several minutes doing gentle bending and stretching exercise. It is always necessary to warm up and warm down.

ACTION HEART BEGINNER'S TRAINING SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE

Monday: 10 minutes
(alternate 1 min jog/1 min walk)
Tuesday: Rest
Wednesday: 5 minutes
(2 min jog/1 min walk/2 min jog)
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THE Christmas meeting was opened by our Vice Chairman Doreen Smith at the Moose Hall, Blackheath. She welcomed members and a visitor and said business would be kept to a minimum as the group would be enjoying its Christmas party.

Doreen thanked all ladies for their help with the carol service on December 7 at The Central Methodist Church, Blackheath.

The service was a great success with carols sung by a local choir, readings from the nativity and carols for all the congregation to join in.

A collection was made for the group's charity, Acorns Children's Hospice and a magnificent amount of more than £400 was raised.

The party then began and the group was entertained by members with songs, stories and recitations.

A free raffle for members was held and winners were given gift vouchers. Another raffle was held with prizes donated by members, and a further £50 was raised for our charity.

Members then enjoyed mince pies baked by Joyce Dennehy, cheese and biscuits, wine, tea and coffee. Christmas cards and greetings were exchanged.

Doreen then closed the meeting, wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

The next meeting is on January 25 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road at 10.30am. Visitors are welcomed.

CLUB NEWS

Festive table with season's greetings



Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley carves the turkey at the Christmas lunch

CANNOCK Lions Club provided an excellent home cooked Christmas lunch for members of SSAFA - soldiers, sailors, airmen and families association) in December.

Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley KCVO TD carved the turkey. Santa was also in attendance along with lions district governor Beryl Roberts who said: "This is what lions do best, serving their local communities".

Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club Male Voice Choir provided the excellent entertainment.

CANNOCK LIONS CLUB

ment including a visit from Ernie the Fastest milkman in the West. Cannock Lions Club would like to thank Novellis UK for donating the wine to accompany the meal to make it a merry occasion, and to Famous Grouse for the whiskey sent as gifts.

More photos and video can be seen on Cannock Lions Facebook page and website.

If you are interested in finding out more about Cannock Lions Club and what they do, call Beverley on 07744 202842.

Choir joins in carol service

WOLLASTON 'E' TG

OUR guild choir performed at carol services at both Cobden Street Methodist Church, Wollaston, and St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, at which were both successful occasions.

Proceeds from Cobden Street Church will be sent to a children's charity, to be decided by the committee.

The Christmas party was on December 13 and representatives of neighbouring

guilds, Norton, Oldswinford, Kingswinford and Grange, were invited. The meal arranged by the committee and members, was most enjoyable and fully appreciated. Entertainment was provided by the duo of Dentith and Price with whom everyone joined in a

good "sing-song". Thanks was extended on behalf of the visitors by Jean Williams for a most enjoyable, festive evening. Chairman Jean Latham thanked the entertainers.

The Christmas hat competition, in which many members had participated, was won by June Parode with Jill Tranter taking second place. There then followed a raffle.

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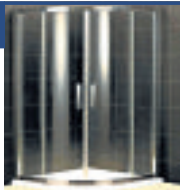
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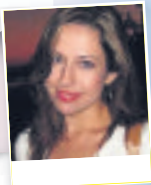
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KIRSTY 36 attractive, blonde, seeking open-minded decent male for fun friendship, 40-60yrs. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 373013 

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
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PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 359351


ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 301001

53YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-56. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 339275

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CARING and honest lady 61, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentleman. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 357985


KIND romantic, loving lady, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 357751

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, trendy, OHAC, seeks special guy. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 180587

FEEMALE 51, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks soul mate who is genuine and caring. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 356761 

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 339373 


HOLLY 25, slim, attractive, brunette, likes gym, WLTM nice, sensitive male of similar age for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380851 

SLIM female, 5ft 9ins, blonde, likes weekends away, meals out, seeks handsome chap to court me, then maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 369295 

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
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RAQUEL dark hair, tattooed, single mum, genuine, slim, petite, affectionate, sensitive, seeks special male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 366755 

VANESSA fun loving single mum, 5ft 4ins, brown eyes, seeks kind, loving, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 304135 

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
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JEFF slim, fit, active, 60, open-minded, seeks attractive lady, 40-60 for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379997 


54YR old divorced male, OHAC, seeks female under 50 for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379729 

ATTRACTIVE tall honest guy, 48, polite, respectful with GSOH, seeks female for fun relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 371823

JOHN 48, 5ft 10ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, seeks sensitive, intelligent lady. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388412 

MIKE friendly guy 48, tall, fit, GSOH, seeks lady for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376921

MARK single dad, seeking female for nights in/out, possible relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381779

MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female 50-60, to share happiness and life with. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649 

KEVIN 44, divorced, 5ft 8ins, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, easygoing, down to earth, likes meals out, cinema, seeks N/S female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377207 


DANIEL 49, tall, attractive, GSOH, seeks lady for fun relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382559 

BILLY 50, black, Christian, 5ft 5ins, GSOH, seeks warm, genuine, Christian lady. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382425 

FUN loving professional male, 37, seeks female for company, nights in/out, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382417 

62YR old male, divorced, medium build, dark hair, GSOH, enjoys music, sport, gardening, socialising, seeks local lady for LTR. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382401

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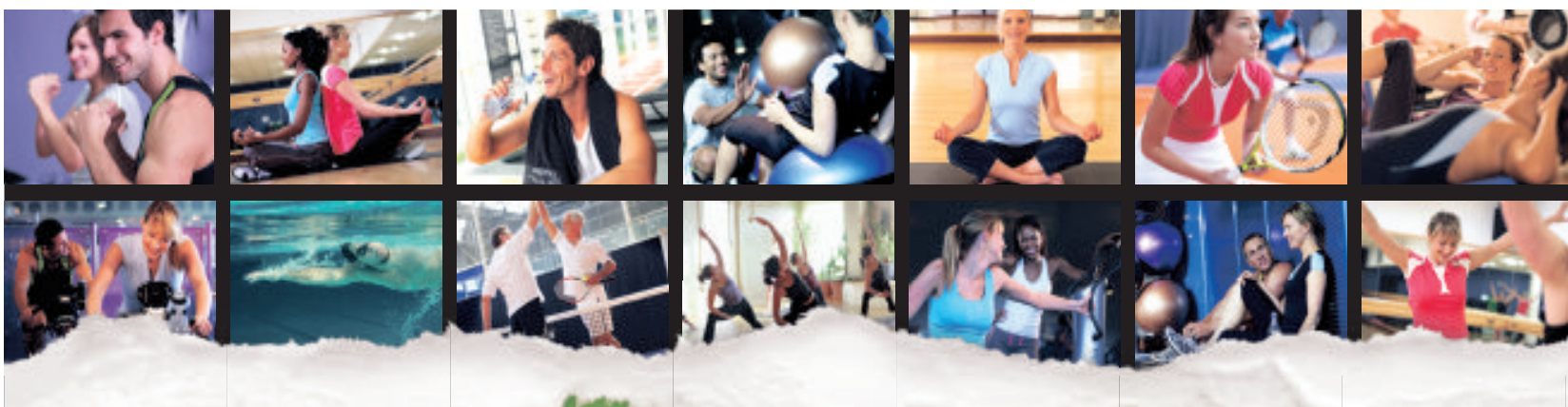
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DANCE has never been more popular. The success of numerous television shows, including Strictly Come Dancing, means the public has never had a greater appetite for all forms of dance.

Strictly Come Dancing fans will have a second chance to see the newly-crowned winner Harry Judd on the UK Tour starting on January 20 in Birmingham.

The list of stars joining Harry on tour are runners-up in the final Chelise Healey and Jason Donovan, EastEnders legend Anita Dobson, ex-Olympic swimmer Mark Foster, former footballer Robbie Savage and Nancy Dell'Olio.

Classical

The judging panel features Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood, who is also directing the arena tour for the second year running.

Tickets for the 2012 tour went on sale in September and have been selling fast ever since. On tour Strictly fans get to watch their favourite dancing couples compete live for votes and can vote via their mobile phone.

The region will welcome a bumper programme of dance events including ballet to contemporary and from hip hop to classical in coming months, with the Birmingham Hippodrome leading the way.

The venue will host a performance of Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker from February 7-11.



Latest winner Harry Judd

More dance events are in store over coming months with the Royal Ballet Flanders appearing from April 25-26 with Artifact. Other productions include Sylvie Guillem's Push, which will be staged on May 11 and 12.

Birmingham Royal Ballet will return from June 20-23 for a production of Far From The Madding Crowd while the company will also appear from June 27-30 for a run of Summer Celebration.

This features three pieces: The Grand Tour - Faster, Strong, Higher - and The Dream.

Further details are available at www.birminghamhippodrome.com

THE all-new Birmingham Rep will not open its doors to the public until 2013 - but that doesn't mean it won't host exceptional theatre in coming months.

The Rep will continue to host productions in a series of venues and has a number of high quality productions lined-up.

Samuel Beckett's Waiting For Godot will play at The Old Rep from March 13-17 and Ian Brown will direct the playwright's funny and poetic masterpiece.

Hollywood star John Malkovich will star in a stage play for baroque orchestra and singers called The Infernal Comedy on May 26. The piece is based on the real-life story of convicted serial killer Jack Unterwieser and Malkovich's monologues will journey through the life and mind of the notorious Viennese womaniser, writer and killer. Jennifer Tuckett's highly-anticipated Kidnapping Cameron will be presented at The Old Rep from July 18-21.

The production follows the story of Lucy, a disillusioned teenager, who decides to kidnap the Prime Minister and hold the Government to ransom.

Orchestras

The Birmingham Hippodrome, meanwhile, will stage an eclectic programme featuring contemporary dance, classical ballet, opera, West End musicals, big name comedians and popular entertainment.

A busy programme will feature such events as STOMP and Birmingham Royal Ballet's Hobson's Choice, in February; Welsh National Opera and a new production of the hit musical Oliver in March and April; comedian Dara O'Brian in April and a version of The King And I in May.

The Town Hall and Symphony Hall also has a sophisticated programme in store. Spokesman Lyle Bignion said: "We have classical and world music, blues and a headline evening with Alfie Boe - and that's just in January. Over the coming months there'll be plenty more for people to enjoy, with comedy, dance and performances from some of the world's best orchestras."

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, meanwhile, has a



Hollywood's John Malkovich comes to The Old Rep

programme of popular theatre, dance and comedy with plenty to look forward to in coming months. Our House, the musical celebrating the work of 1980s pop stars Madness, will play from January 27-28; On Golden Pond will play from January 31-February 4 and Sister Act will run from February 7-18.

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre will promote a varied selection of artists - though plans are already advanced for the Shakespeare Festival which will run from June 28 to July 14 and feature Romeo And Juliet. Other highlights will include This Happy Breed, the Noel Coward classic, which will be performed by Stafford Players from February 7-11.

Kicking off new season at the Arena

THEATRE and film legend, Steven Berkoff, tops the bill in Arena Theatre's spring season.

The forthcoming season at the Wolverhampton theatre includes some well-known plays including Nick Horby's football-crazy play Fever Pitch and Love's Labour's Lost. There will also be a double-bill of Harold Pinter plays, The Dumb Waiter and The Lover.

Another highlight is the biographical I, Bertolt Brecht; a semi-biographical comedy from Wolverhampton's own Foursight Theatre about Hollywood legends Bette Davies and Joan Crawford.

There is also the play that hit the headlines in 2007 for then including a naked Daniel Radcliffe: Peter Schaffer's psychological thriller Equus and Steven Berkoff's adaptation for Franz Kafka's The Trial.

It is however Steven Berkoff performing his own masterclass in evil Shakespeare's Villains that headlines the season. Writer, director, actor, social and political commentator Steven Berkoff remains one of the most influential figures in contemporary British theatre.

Doddy books in his festive date

VETERAN comic Ken Dodd has announced his 2012 Wolverhampton Christmas show.

The 84-year-old last appeared at the Civic Hall on December 18, in a sell-out show that went on until 12.30am.

The comedian will bring his Merry Christmas Laughter Show 2012 to the same venue on December 16. Tickets cost £21, £18 and £15.

Chubby in city on his UK tour

CONTROVERSIAL comedian Roy 'Chubby' Brown has announced a date in Wolverhampton as part of his next UK tour.

The potty-mouthed stand-up rarely appears on TV due to the material used in his act, but has had a live DVD released every year for the past 20 years. He will hit the Civic Hall on December 20.

Touch of Irish

A SHOW celebrating the music of Irish blues-rock icon Rory Gallagher will take to the stage at Bilston's Robin 2 on Friday, January 27. Gerry McAvoys' Band of Friends consists of musicians who played with Rory throughout his career.

Fizzog fun time

THEATRE group Fizzog Productions is back with a new show, The 50 per cent Funnier Tour. It will be held at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton, on February 24 and 25.

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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent meets a young sprinter in Namibia. 1.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Live coverage of the semi-finals. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 5.35 Winter Wipeout.

6.35 The Magicians.

Countryside presenter Julia Bradbury. Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood and former Baywatch star David Hasselhoff join professional illusionists to perform tricks.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.

Game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Presented by Nick Knowles.

8.40 Casualty.

Paediatric doctor Tom Kent is faced with a mystery.

9.30 Live at the Apollo.

Jason Manford guest-hosts the stand-up show.

10.00 BBC News: Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Bolton Wanderers; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show.

Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Football League.

12.55 Weatherview. 1.00 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.20 Film: Miss Sadie Thompson. (1953) Musical, starring Rita Hayworth. 1.50 Film: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Joan Plowright and Rupert Friend. 3.30 Film: The World's Fastest Indian. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. 5.30 Escape to the Country. (R)



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6.30 Flog It! Contestants from Paisley and Plymouth take part. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army.

The heroes take two prisoners. (R)

8.00 The Man Who Made Eric & Ernie.

A profile of TV producer Bill Cotton. (R)

9.00 Ken Russell: A Bit of a Devil.

Alan Yentob reflects on the career of Ken Russell.

9.50 FILM: Women in Love.

(1969) Two couples' holiday in Switzerland leads to unexpected changes in their relationships. Ken Russell's drama, based on DH Lawrence's novel, starring Alan Bates.

11.55 Darts: BDO World Championships.

Highlights of the semi-finals at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.

12.45 Film: The Rainbow.

(1988) Period drama, starring Sammi Davis and Paul McGann. 2.30 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 ITV News: Weather. 9.35 Film: Step Up. (2006) Musical romance, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. 11.30 This Morning: Saturday. 12.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.30 ITV News: Weather. 1.45 Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) 2.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Vernon Kay hosts. (R) 3.25 Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum. 5.45 Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News: Weather.

6.15 New You've Been Framed!

Featuring bridesmaids behaving badly.

6.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp.

7.15 Take Me Out. A semi-professional wrestler, a musician, a stockbroker and a student take part.

8.30 The Talent Show Story.

How Britain's Got Talent brought variety back to TV.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show.

With Emma Thompson, Paddy McGuinness and Brooke Shields.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 Celebrity Juice.

11.30 FILM: Wimbledon.

(2004) Romantic drama, starring Kirsten Dunst and Paul Bettany.

1.15 The Zone: ITV News Headlines.

3.30 In Plain Sight. 4.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 The Grid. (R) 7.30 GT Academy. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top 10. 9.30 Film: T4: Flicka. (2006) 11.20 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 11.50 T4: New Girl. (R) 12.20 T4: Playing It Straight. 1.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson 'The Colour Gold'. (R) 4.05 The Simpsons. (R) 4.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)

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(R) 6.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)

7.10 Channel 4 News.

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7.45 FILM: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer.

(2007) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Ioan Gruffudd.

9.30 The Million Pound Drop Live.

Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

11.00 FILM: Blade: Trinity.

(2004) Action thriller sequel, starring Wesley Snipes.

1.05 Film: The Proposition.

(2004) Australian Western, starring Guy Pearce. 2.50 Lucky Day. (R) 3.05 Farewell Packets of 10. Two women discuss the pros and cons of smoking. (R) 3.10 My Friend Michael. (R) 3.15 The Briton. (R) 4.15 Kevin's Grand Design. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 Sall Mali. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.15 It's All About Amy. (R) 11.15 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.15 World's Toughest Truck. (R) 1.15 Film: Gray Lady Down. (1978) 3.30 Film: Saddle the Wind. (1958) Western, starring Robert Taylor and John Cassavetes. 5.10 Film: The Devil's Brigade. (1968) Second World War adventure, starring William Holden.

7.30 5 News Weekend.

7.35 NCIS.

Gibbs receives a call from his old friend Senator Patrick Kiley, who claims he is being framed for the murder of a naval commander - but the evidence quickly piles up against him. (R)

8.30 Celebrity Big Brother.

The second eviction from the housemates' point of view, and the rest of the goings-on as the new showbiz pals continue to get along - or not, the case may be.

9.35 FILM: Along Came Polly.

(2004) An obsessive man's well-oiled routine is thrown into disarray when a wildly spontaneous old friend walks back into his life. Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston.

11.15 The Hotel Inspector.

Alex Polizzi revamps a struggling Bournemouth hotel. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino.

4.00 Great Artists. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.35 The Planet's Funniest Animals 4.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.30 Film: About a Boy (2002)
6.30 Film: Casper (1995) 8.30 Take Me Out - The Gossip 9.15 Film: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004) 11.30 Film: The River Wild (1994)

ITV3

2.35 Agatha Christie's Poirot 4.50 A Touch of Frost 6.55 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Film: The Bridges of Madison County (1995)

ITV4

1.45 Film: The Living Daylights (1987) 4.30 Film: The Dam Busters (1954) 7.00 The Sweeney 8.00 Minder 9.00 Film: Play Misty for Me (1971) 11.10 Film: The Beguiled (1971)

BBC THREE

7.00 Sherlock 8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May create an advert for Volkswagen. Last in the series. 9.30 Film: Eagle Eye (2008) 11.20 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Yellowstone: Unnatural Histories 8.00 Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity 9.00 Borgen 11.00 Timeshift: The Rules of Drinking

E4

5.45 Desperate Housewives 5.00 Scrubs 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Rules of Engagement 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Rude Tube. A dancing dustman and Bollywood classics. 9.30 Film: Big Momma's House (2000) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

3.25 Catch That Kid (2004) 5.10 The Hot Rock. (1972) Crime comedy, starring Robert Redford and George Segal. 7.10 17 Again (2009) Comedy, starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. 9.00 Daredevil. (2003) Comic-book adventure, starring Ben Affleck. 11.00 The Devil's Backbone. (2001) Psychological thriller, starring Marisa Paredes.

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6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** EastEnders. **3.05** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.20** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **4.50** Lifeline. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. John Craven continues his interview with David Cameron, discussing the issues of animal welfare, farming subsidies and the badger cull.

8.00 Call the Midwife. New series. A newly qualified midwife takes up her new post, but what she thought was a private hospital turns out to be a nursing convent. Period drama, starring Jessica Raine.

9.00 Sherlock. Holmes believes Moriarty is responsible for a trio of major break-ins where nothing has been stolen – leading to a final confrontation between the masterminds. Last in the series.

10.30 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

10.55 The One Jasper Carrott. The comedian performs stand-up, sketches and music. (R)

11.35 FILM: All of Me. (1984) Comedy, starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **3.30** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: The Long Duel. (1967) Period adventure, starring Trevor Howard. **12.0** Live Snooker: The Masters. Ding Junhui v Ronnie O'Sullivan. **5.00** Ski Sunday. **5.45** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Coverage of the final at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.



8.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls reveals how the Great Barrier Reef is vitally linked to the rest of the planet in many ways. Last in the series.

9.00 To Boldly Go – Up. Part two of two. Kevin Fong explains the effects of altitude on the human body, and explores technologies that enable mankind to survive at heights where oxygen is scarce. **Match of the Day 2.** Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action.

11.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. The comedy show comes from Salford. (R)

11.30 Fast and Loose. Featuring Greg Davies, Justin Edwards and Pippa Evans. (R)

12.00 Snooker: The Masters. Mark Williams v Stephen Maguire. **12.50** Snooker Extra. **2.50** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News: Weather. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** Dinner Date. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** ITV News: Weather. **1.05** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.10** Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis. (1975) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. **4.10** Vera. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes. **6.15** ITV News: Weather.

6.30 Dancing on Ice. The celebrities who did not perform last week take their chance to impress the public and the judges. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present the competition. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Wild at Heart. Du Plessis is haunted by his belief that Danny murdered Peeters.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two least popular celebrities have to skate again.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Des O'Connor, Nancy Dell'Olio and Ross Noble.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 FILM: Bloody Sunday. (2001)



12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **1.45** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freeports on 4. (R) **7.25** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.50** Channel 4 Presents – Jody Cundy 2012. (R) **7.55** T4: Beyonce Live from Roseland. (R) **8.50** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **9.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.15** Film: Entrapment. (1999) Crime thriller, starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones. **5.25** Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds.

6.25 Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv.

7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. New series.

8.00 The Hotel. Mark tries to boost staff morale during the busy summer season.



9.00 FILM: The Reader. (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Kate Winslet.

11.25 FILM: Underworld. (2003) Supernatural action thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale.

1.35 Laid Off. Short film, starring John-Paul Hurley. (R) **1.45** Film: Train to Pakistan. (1998) Drama, starring Nirmal Pandey. (R) **3.20** The Bypass. (R) **3.40** Much Ado About a Minor Ting. (R) **4.10** Kevin's Grand Design. (R) **5.05** Designers Under Pressure. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerlots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Olivia. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Mio Mao. (R) **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Funky Town. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.10** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.10** Film: The Pink Panther. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **2.55** Film: Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby. (2006) Comedy, starring Will Ferrell. **5.00** Film: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey.

6.40 FILM: Hellboy. (2004) Comic-book action fantasy, starring Ron Perlman.

9.00 World's Scariest Plane Landings. (R)

9.50 5 News Weekend. **10.00** Celebrity Big Brother. **11.05** FILM: Not Another Teen Movie. (2001) Comedy, starring Chylér Leigh.

12.45 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** County Secrets. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.00 All Star Family Fortunes **4.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.30** New You've Been Framed! **5.00** Film: The Borrowers (1997) **6.55** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **9.00** Winners & Losers **11.00** Film: The Holiday (2006)

ITV3
4.00 Film: Watership Down (1978) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A religious fanatic is found beaten and drowned in his bath. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
3.20 Film: MacArthur (1977) **5.55** Film: Where Eagles Dare. (1969) Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood. **9.00** Film: Falling Down. (1993) Urban thriller, starring Michael Douglas. **11.20** Film: The Return (2006)

BBC THREE
7.00 Film: Herbie: Fully Loaded (2005) **8.35** Most Annoying People of 2011 **9.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011. Part one of two. Stand-up comedy. **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Confessions of a Sex Addict

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Story of Musicals **8.00** Film: Robin and the 7 Hoods. (1964) Gangster comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **10.00** Singing Musicals. Featuring Ella Fitzgerald, Jeff Beck, Jay-Z and Captain Sensible. **11.00** The Story of Musicals

E4
3.35 Being Erica **4.30** Samantha Who? **4.55** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **7.00** 90210 **8.00** David Blaine: What Is Magic? A series of illusions performed across America. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Rude Tube 2012

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3.10 The War of the Worlds. (1953) Sci-fi drama, starring Gene Barry. **4.50** The Family Stone (2005) **6.50** Made in America (1993) **9.00** He's Just Not That Into You. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Ginnifer Goodwin. **11.30** Chain Reaction (1996)

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Monday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Live Snooker: The Masters. Judd Trump v Stuart Bingham. 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Baking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Stargazing Live. 9.30 Stargazing Live: Back to Earth. 10.00 Have I Got News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 Snooker: The Masters. 12.10 American Football: Play-Off Highlights. 1.10 Snooker Extra. 3.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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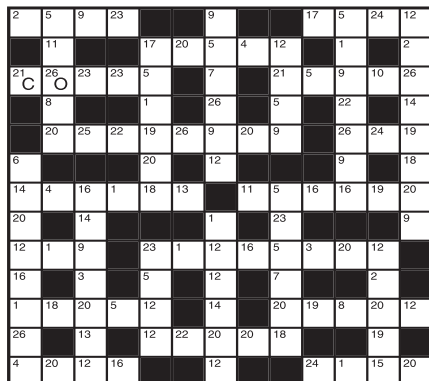
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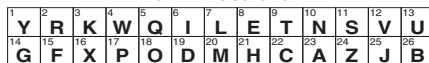
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9. None of it is good, it's said (4)
10. A sign that the commanding officer's in prison perhaps (8)
11. Not qualified to speak (5)
12. Frank article written by G.B. Shaw (7)
13. Just one of twenty-four today (9,4)
18. Basically, it's intended to make one's pile last longer (8)
19. A slight mark on the music? (4)
20. Chided a debater, perhaps (7)
21. Tried to get well? (5)
22. Bird to perform repeatedly (4)
23. He doesn't like to strike (8)

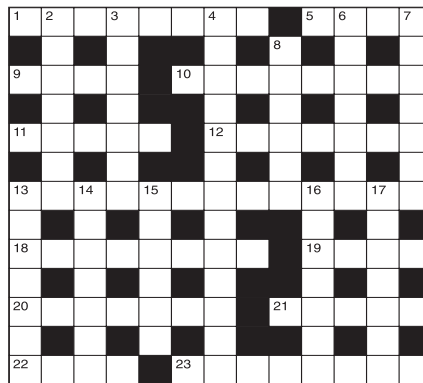
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Rapturous (8)
5. Praise (4)
9. Support (4)
10. Gets (8)
11. Unspoken (5)
12. Signal (7)
13. Without a delegate (13)
18. Shrink (8)
19. Legend (4)
20. Feeling (7)
21. Monstrosity (5)
22. Standard (4)
23. Control (8)

Down

2. His choice will get cross! (7)
3. Results of questionable actions? (7)
4. I cleaned a copy - it could be a valuable book (13)
6. One gets four or six in the test, but it's unimportant (7)
7. Permission to give the fellow an appointment (7)
8. Smoothed out on board, perhaps (6)
13. Beaten by one particular suit? (7)
14. Arranged, but not voluntarily (7)
15. Elf makes random trips over the East (6)
16. Stop knitting and prepare for sea (4,3)
17. There's an exacting business (7)



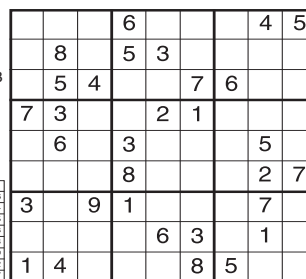
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Assent; 4 Combat; 9 Divorce decree; 10 Correct; 11 Emits; 12 Fives; 14 Stage; 18 Tiler; 19 Diocese; 21 Breach of faith; 22 Easier; 23 Elders. Down: 1 Addict; 2 Severe illness; 3 Nurse; 5 Overeat; 6 Burning desire; 7 Theist; 8 Heats; 13 Earache; 15 Stable; 16 Add on; 17 Mesher; 20 Offal. QUICK - Across: 1 Duress; 4 Abduct; 9 Secret Service; 10 Omitted; 11 Inter; 12 Pitch; 14 Charm; 18 Trail; 19 Extrude; 21 Prime Minister; 22 Denote; 23 Pledge. Down: 1 Despot; 2 Recrimination; 3 Sweet; 5 Burnish; 6 Uninterrupted; 7 Theory; 8 Aside; 13 Collect; 15 Stupid; 16 Peril; 17 Degree; 20 Trial.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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Beachcroft Road is approached via Maidensbridge Road and forms part of Wall Heath village.

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Accommodation includes two reception rooms and three bedrooms

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Bungalow with a building plot has £300,000 price tag



Estate agent Thomas Harvey is handling the sale of this bungalow

THIS bungalow in Knights Avenue, Wolverhampton, is on the market at £300,000 and includes an adjacent building plot.

Available with no chain, the two-bedroom detached property has two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen diner, bathroom and front and rear gardens.

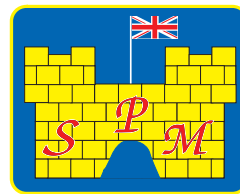
The bungalow includes a front entrance porch, bathroom with suite comprising pedestal wash hand basin and panel bath shower above, and there is also a wc with low-level toilet.

There are also two bedrooms - bedroom one 13ft by 11ft and bedroom two 11ft by 11ft - while the 15ft by 11ft lounge has a gas fire.

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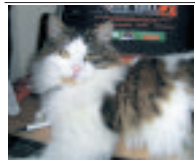
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Clio Raider and the lost art of hot hatch driving

IT'S NOT often that a car makes you feel quite like this, but then the Renaultsport Clio 200, based on the oh-so-ordinary French hatchback, is more than a little bit special.

This is actually a special edition called the Raider, and its matt 'Stealth Grey' paint finish gives it the sort of fighter-bomber look that its name deserves.

It's a fully kitted-out Clio 200 with a few special touches to define the edition.

The Renaultsport Clio is a bit of an icon, with heritage stretching back to the 1980s and the spiced-up versions of the Renault 5.

That passed its DNA down to the Clio Williams, now a modern classic and highly sought-after, and then to the first Clio 172 at the turn of the millennium.

Every single one of them was an absolute blast to drive, with intoxicating handling and fizzy engines.

Several generations later, with only a minor hiccup in the shape of the first Clio 197 in 2006, and the range has reached a new pinnacle with the Clio 200 Raider.

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by Matt Joy

touches on the gear knob and rev counter. What really pulls you in to this car is its reputation for the way it drives, and the way it drives is unlike anything else in hot hatchdom.

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Lindgren to be Wolves skipper

STAR rider Freddie Lindgren will be the Wolves speedway captain for 2012.

The Swede signed his new contract in front of supporters at a fans' talk-in held at Chillingham Working Men's Club, Wolverhampton on Monday.

Team boss Peter Adams told a packed audience that the captaincy had been "the domain of Peter Karlsson for more years than we care to remember". But with the 42-year-old spending the season on loan at Lakeside, Adams added: "I asked Freddie if he would do us the honour of leading the team this season and he didn't hesitate."

As top average rider in the side, Lindgren automatically assumes the No.1 race jacket. Adams indicated that Lindgren's fellow Swede, new-boy Pontus Aspgren, would probably partner him at two. Tai Woffinden is earmarked for five with Nicolai Klindt and Ty Proctor forming the three and four engine room. Lukasz Sowka and the double-up pairing of Ricky Wells and Thomas Jorgensen will be at reserve.

Old Hales beaten in top clash

OLD Halesonians men's hockey firsts suffered a 2-1 home loss to Bridgnorth in the West Midlands Premier.

The game between the league's two teams was of the expected high quality. But slack defending by the home side saw the ball find its way to a Bridgnorth player who had a simple finish past a stranded Steve Charlton. Bridgnorth added a second before the break.

With just 10 minutes of the match remaining, the home side gave themselves a chance when Harry Hughes found Tom Bulteel on the penalty spot, where the striker slotted home. A packed defence prevented any chance of an equaliser.

Results: Warwick 2, Old Hales Seconds 0, Old Hales Thirds 3 Finchfield 1, Old Hales Ladies 2 Stone 0.

Black Country boxers ready for Prizefighter

by Craig Birch

WOLVERHAMPTON Civic Hall has already sold-out for Prizefighter with two Black Country fighters set to compete.

West Bromwich's Young Mutley will join Wolverhampton's Dean Harrison in the eight-man, one-night event, live on Sky Sports on February 11.

Mutley - real name Lee Woodley - along with Telford's Mark Lloyd and former British champion Barry Morrison, are the last three names to be picked.

They join Harrison, English title holder Adil Anwar, John Watson, Tyrone Nurse and Dale Miles in the light-welterweight

tournament. Promoters Matchroom Sport are taking Prizefighter out of London for only the fourth time to come to the Civic. In their previous forays away from the capital, they have only gone to big cities in Newcastle, Glasgow and Liverpool.

Matchroom managing director Eddie Hearn believes he's saved the "best line-up" yet for Wolverhampton.

He said: "Every one of the eight quality performers in the mix on February 11 will believe they can win."

"That promises to make it a special night in front of a packed crowd at the Civic Hall." The eight fighters, who have boxed anywhere from lightweight to light-middle, will be expected to make 10st 2lb on the night.

Mutley is the only one of the eight fighters with Prizefighter experience, having competed in the last instalment at light-welter in December 2009. The former British welterweight champion was eliminated by Colin Lynes in the semi-final, with Morrison pulling out before the tournament began.

Harrison is new to Prizefighter but has boxed on the big stage, having lost a British

title shot against Paul McCloskey in March 2009. 'Deano' went for the English title the following year but was outpointed by Nigel Wright and hasn't been on Sky Sports since.

The card will also feature two Prizefighter Prospects, who will box outside of the tournament to showcase their talents.

Dudley's Ryan Aston and Coseley's Tommy Ghent, who both signed three-year promotional deals with Matchroom in September, will open the show. Middleweight Aston is undefeated in four since turning pro while welterweight Ghent has taken out both of his opponents in two rounds.

Man of match Duncan takes Chance with two more tries

IN their first game of 2012, DK chalked up their 12th league win and second double of the season with this comprehensive five tries to one win over Hinckley where they had won by 9-33 back in September.

Not that they had it all their own way. Hinckley's pack were a real force to be reckoned with and provided the home side with one of their toughest tests this season. Their back row in particular was very impressive.

The DK backs however were just too good for the opposition on the day, their pace and guile providing many attacking opportunities during the game.

There were four changes to the DK side that won at Broadstreet before Christmas. James Jefferson returned to the left wing in place of Dave Platt, prop Al Francis and hooker Luke Greenwood replaced Rich Kelley and James Parkes in the front row and Matt Squire made his debut on the open side flank for Sam Pedley.

Though it was a hard day at the coalface Ian Langford, Luke Greenwood and skipper Ollie Shakespeare were the outstanding forwards on the day, though debutant flanker Matt Squire certainly put himself about in a sound first season game.

Full-back Simon Fletcher had a 100 per cent day with the boot, kicking all five conversions, halfbacks Jordan Brookes and Gareth Bown were always well in control and Stef Shillingford and Tom Weaver regularly punched holes through the visitors' cover defence.

Supporters' man of the match was right wing Duncan Chance for the second consecutive game. He weighed in with another two tries to take his tally to 13 in a highly impressive season.

After dominating the opening exchanges DK took the lead after six minutes when fly half Gareth Bown's superb break through a crowded Hinckley 22 laid on a try for hooker Greenwood in support and Fletcher added the conversion.

Hinckley fly-half Tom Short missed a 12th-minute penalty when DK went over the top at a ruck. DK might have scored a second try on 16 minutes but the ball carrier was held back illegally by Hinckley flanker Tom Morris who received a yellow card for his trouble.

Dudley Kingswinford 35 Hinckley 7

After 22 minutes a thumping tackle from DK's debutant flanker Matt Squire caused Hinckley to spill the ball in midfield giving DK a 3-2 overlap on the right and no one was going to catch Chance who cantered in from 30 metres.

Fletcher kicked a fine conversion for DK to lead 14-0. Good teamwork from DK brought them a third try after 26 minutes through Shaun Griffiths. The unerring Fletcher added the extras for a 21-0 DK lead.

DK were unable to keep up this frantic momentum and Hinckley gradually managed an extended period of pressure.

Pressure

They were awarded three consecutive penalties under the home posts and opted for the scrum every time from which they exerted huge pressure on the DK eight who were penalised each time culminating in a penalty try after the third offence which Tom Short converted after 35 minutes to reduce the deficit to 21-7.

Hinckley's revival continued for the first 10 minutes of second half play but in an swift, isolated attack against the run of play DK moved the ball at lightning speed to

within five metres of the visitors' line where Hinckley, in some disarray, were penalised.

DK's quicksilver scrum half Jordan Brookes had tapped and was over the line for the bonus point fourth try before the Hinckley cover could even blink.

Fletcher stroked over the conversion and DK were firmly back in the driving seat at 28-7 up. DK then rang the changes and it became even more difficult for the visitors when prop Dave Peck was yellow carded for collapsing a maul.

DK were again in full control and doing all of the attacking. Skipper Ollie Shakespeare got over the Hinckley line after an hour but brother Dan had given him a forward pass.

DK were nonetheless back on song and despite heroic defence form their visitors fashioned a wonderful fifth try after 72 minutes.

Player coach Jon Higgins had come on at fly half and fired out a huge, but accurate pass to Chance who caught it at pace to run in unopposed from 30 metres. Fletcher again added the extras.

DK's next league fixture is on Saturday (January 14) away at Hereford, 2.15pm.



Second row Shaun Griffiths leading the charge for Dudley Kingswinford

Juniors lose by odd goal in seven

STOURBRIDGE Juniors under-13A lost by the odd goal in seven at Kenilworth on a tacky surface.

The visitors fell behind but levelled through a Sam Cinnamond header before a 25-yarder from Marcus Hall put them ahead.

Five minutes from the break Stourbridge extended their lead when Ben Rhodes directed a good header into the roof of the net.

But Kenilworth got one back with the last kick of the half and grew stronger as the game progressed, winning 4-3.

Haydn Curtis notched twice with Owen Taylor also on the mark as the under-13B side won 3-1 at home to Boldmere Falcons.

Taylor's 20-yard shot had rattled both post and bar before Boldmere took the lead.

But Taylor's good finish from a Ben Rhodes pass got Stourbridge level in the second period and Curtis prodded in a loose ball to put them ahead.

Offside

The same player rounded off the scoring with a cross-shot five minutes from time.

Goals from Calvin Campbell and Scott Cox helped the under-15 side to a 2-1 win at Brackley Town.

Mark Ganderton was unfortunate when his fine free-kick was called for offside with a Stourbridge player deemed to be interfering with play.

A Harry Greatwich treble helped the under-15B side to a 5-1 home win over Kinver Colts.

Robert Perry and Cory Gray were also on the score-sheet.

Stourbridge under-12A took a 3-1 win at Four Corners with Kieran Thomas among the scorers.

The under-12B team beat Forest Falcons West 3-0 at home with Liam Hands grabbing a double after Sam Green opened the scoring.

At 2-0 the Falcons had their chance when awarded a penalty but keeper Freddie Clewes is enjoying a fine season and saved the spot-kick to preserve his fourth consecutive clean sheet.

At under-16 level Stourbridge South drew 2-2 at Tidvale and their North counterparts lost to the only goal of the game at home to NWHC and Heather.

The under-18 team was beaten 3-1 at home by Romulus.

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It's lights out for Town cup chances

A GOAL in each half saw Lye Town lose 2-0 at home to Gornal in the Birmingham Floodlit Cup.

Gornal started the game in control and forced two corners in the first five minutes. Twenty minutes later Calum Martin was fouled on the edge of the Lye Town area. Richard Young's free-kick went around the wall and was well saved low down by Stephen Jackson.

The visitors' breakthrough came on 35 minutes; Matt Weyman's pass from midfield found Matt Martin on the right who beat Lee Dimmock and hit a low cross which found Calum Martin at the back post for a tap-in.

The second half saw Gornal create very few good chances despite dominating possession. The best of the opportunities fell to Conner Gater, who headed just over from a Weyman corner, while Weyman himself hit the side netting.

Gornal's second goal came in the fourth minute of stoppage time as Weyman found Young unmarked in the area, who hit his shot across Jackson into the far corner.

Lye's spirit is rewarded with a point

LYE showed spirit to recover from two goals down and claim a West Midlands Premier League point with a 2-2 draw at home to Bustleholme.

It was Bustleholme who started the brighter on Saturday and their pressure paid off in the 10th minute.

A great ball from Luke Charlton found Jamie Clews, he fed Ishmail Harris who beat the advancing keeper with a low drive.

Ten minutes later the Bs doubled their lead when Charlton's pinpoint cross was headed into the top corner by Clews.

Lye pulled one back when Steve Bull hit a 25-yard screamer and a defensive mix-up from Lye gave Clews a chance to restore the two-goal cushion, but his tame shot went wide.

The second half was dominated by the home side and their persistence was rewarded when a Matthew Webb cross found Lawrence Brown unmarked and he headed home an equaliser.

Perry so grateful for third year at Heathens

by Nigel Pearson

TOM PERRY has paid tribute to the Dudley Heathens fans and management as he prepares for a third successive season with the club.

The hugely popular 18-year-old is back from a racing holiday in Australia and agreed a new deal with club bosses last week.

And he reckons the Heathens fans must be amongst the best in the country after standing by him in his first two years as a rider.

Six of the seven riding spots have been filled - Perry's teammate Ashley Morris,

who was also on the Aussie tour, is also back with Dudley - and all the 2012 Heathens will be introduced to fans at the season's launch night at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, March 9.

"There were times last season when we found it tough going and I know I had some poor meetings," said Perry.

"I suppose they could have left me out this year and I would have been gutted.

"I'm so pleased to be back and I'd like to thank the management for that," added

Perry. "I'd also like to thank my sponsors and the fans for their brilliant support, all the lads really appreciate the backing we get on the terraces."

Heathens are hoping to unveil their final team member in the next week.

They have just over three points left to play with on their team average to come under the 40-point limit.

Tickets for the 2012 season launch party are on sale now.

Priced at £3 for Heathens Supporters Club members and £5 non-members.

These are available from the official

website www.dudleyheathens.co.uk online at www.dudleyheathens.co.uk or alternatively by shop calling the club's number 07717 242 957.

In addition to the 2012 team introductions there will also be live music from popular local solo artist Neil Davidson, a Heathens fan from the Dudley Wood days, plus a raffle and auction with collectable items available.

The 2012 Heathens race jacket will also be unveiled.

A team go-kart session has been arranged for the riders in the afternoon. It follows a similar team-bonding venture last season.

Hackett's men seal dramatic late win

IT was a tale of two penalties as the Glassboys gained a significant 2-0 victory at Evo-stik League Southern Premier leaders Brackley, thanks to a couple of late goals.

Will Green missed a first-half spot-kick for the hosts, while at the death Sean Geddes converted from the spot to put Gary Hackett's men ahead - before Ryan Rowe put the icing on the cake with a second goal five minutes into stoppage time.

Rowe had the opportunity to put Stourbridge ahead inside the first minute, but his shot was kept out by keeper Billy Turley's legs.

The Glassboys moved the ball well in the opening half-hour but the hosts threatened towards half-time with a dangerous cross from the lively Owen Story just evaded Eddie Nisevic.

Brackley had a great opportunity to take the lead in first-half stoppage time, when Ben Billingham was judged to have handled inside the box. But Green lashed his spot-kick high and wide.

In the second half Stourbridge's Rowe forced a good save from Turley and a Bennett header was cleared off the line.

The visitors took the lead in the final minute when Rowe was upended by Turley. Geddes sent Turley the wrong way from the resulting penalty.

The late drama when Evans opened up the home defence. His cross found Canavan who slipped the ball into the path of Rowe. He dummed his marker before firing past Turley.

Afternoon with keeper

FORMER England wicket-keeper Paul Nixon will discuss his career at a special afternoon event.

Nixon, now an IPL coach, will be at Himley Cricket Club on Friday, February 24 from 12.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £40 including lunch and there will also be a guest comedian. To reserve tickets contact Gordon Lewis on 07814 619447 or email gonlewis9@hotmail.com

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HOLDER SHINES ON DEBUT FOR SAXONS

STOURBRIDGE Saxons started the year with defeat at The Woodlands and had prop Joe Reid stretched off to add to their woes.

But they did have something to show from their trip to Lancashire - a man of the match display from young full-back Liam Holder on his debut.

From the kick-off, Fylde showed their attacking intent and made it to the Stour line with the first move of the game only to turn the ball over, writes Peter Elliott.

The home side were intent on getting a quick score and it came after only five minutes; winger Olly Viney taking advantage of good offloading from Evan Stewart and Paul Arnold dotted down for Richard Kenyon to convert.

Poor handling by Fylde in their own half allowed Stour to put points on the board and 19-year-old Holder, a product of Leicester's Academy, stepped up with two early penalties to bring the Saxons to within a point.

With the home side pressing, good kicking by fly-half Sam Robinson sent the ball back deep into the Fylde half, relieving the pressure.

Hooker

The defensive line were on their guard and Nile Dacres was alert enough to intercept a loose pass on half-way before off-loading to Liam Wordley only for the hooker to be quickly surrounded and the chance lost.

Fylde turned the screw with two tries in a three-minute period. Winger Tom Halsall scored after Chris Briers had carried the ball from his own 22 to within ten metres of the line before passing to his brother Stephen, who gave Halsall the final pass. Stephen Briers also forced his way over to increase the lead to 21-6.

Fylde 31 Stourbridge 21

The first period was marred by Reid's injury and the finished with a missed opportunity for Stour when, with Fylde scrum-half Callum McShane sin binned, Matt Williams was available on the overlap only for Ben Barkley's pass to the winger to go forward.

Saxons started brighter in the second period, with a try on 45 minutes from Tom Jarvis, one of a three-man overlap on the left wing.

On the opposite wing, Nathan Bressington showed a good turn of speed but had no support. He did find a way over on 63 minutes. The move started with Dacres carrying into the Fylde half, his pass to Bressington allowing the winger to put his foot down and dive over.

Those scores sandwiched a Fylde try by Gareth Rawlings. Fylde put the game to bed with their last try of the day by Richard Kenyon, who also added the extras, before both Rawlings and prop Alistair Livesey were sin binned for separate incidents in rucks with only minutes remaining.

Williams gave the score-line respectability with a try on the final whistle.

Don't worry about the leg, says Albion new-boy



West Bromwich Albion signing Scott Allan celebrates his move to the West Midlands from Dundee United

NEW Albion signing Scott Allan reckons he is stronger than ever - despite a broken leg.

The 20-year-old has completed his move from Dundee United on a two-and-a-half-year deal with a one-year option.

And Allan has admitted to a frustrating last two years because of the broken leg and the contract wrangle that saw him exiled from the Terrors' first team.

"The last two years has been a long two years football-wise," said Allan, who has made nine appearances for the Tannadice club this season.

"I had time out of the game through injury and then I was

playing and not playing because of things not even to do with football. So, I'm just happy to be here and to get started again.

"Last season I had a lot of bad luck with a broken leg. I was out for about four or five months.

"It was a clean break and that probably helped it recover properly.

"If anything, I think I've come back stronger after all the gym work.

"As soon as you hear someone has broken their leg you always fear the worst. But with the right rehab you can recover fine."

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